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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/074,174	LU, HAW-MINN	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Hanh Nguyen	2616	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed on 6/16/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are Claims 17-37 renumbered 1-21 respectively.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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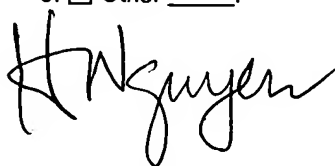
Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |



**HANH NGUYEN
PRIMARY EXAMINER**

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In claims 17 and 34, the prior art does not disclose:

a) either rewiring a selected port to be connected to the corresponding port of the corresponding router for said selected port or permuting the labels of two or more ports of a selected router to reduce the number of ports which have to be rewired, wherein the selected port is any port having a corresponding port of a corresponding router and is not connected to said corresponding port; and

repeating step a) until all the ports that have a corresponding port of the corresponding router are connected to said corresponding port;.

In claims 22 and 36, the prior art does not disclose performing an iteration comprising the steps of:

a/ selecting a selected row from all previously unselected rows from a row collection wherein the row collection comprises all rows except the last row from the plurality of rows, wherein the selected row is connected to an adjacent row below the selected row by an interconnection network where bottom ports of routers in the selected row are connected to top ports of routers in the adjacent row;

b/ performing an iteration comprising the steps of:

c) selecting a selected port from a port pool comprising all bottom ports of all routers in the selected row and all top ports of all routers of the adjacent row that have a corresponding port and are not connected to said corresponding port;

d) rewiring the selected port to be connected the corresponding port of the

corresponding router for said selected port; and
repeating the steps c) and d) until all bottom ports of routers in the selected row and all top ports of routers in the adjacent row that have a corresponding port of a corresponding router are connected to said corresponding port;

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hanh Nguyen whose telephone number is 571 272 3092. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 to 4:30. The examiner can also be reached on alternate

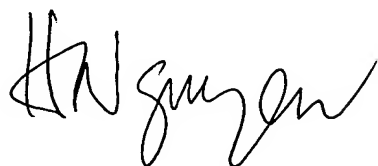
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar, can be reached on 571 272 7488. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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